prices for these two crops are repeatedly requested/approached by Government of Rajasthan and take an early decision in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The area under Guar and Moth during 1992-93 in Rajasthan is 18 lakh hectares and 13 lakh hectares respectively.

(b) and (c) The Government fixes support prcies for major agricultural commodities having all India importance. Guar and Moth are localised crops and their price behaviour is also not being monitored. Therefore, there is at present no proposal to announce support prices for these two crops.

Establishment of Agriculture Machinery Training and Education Centre in Rajasthan

5043. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India have so far conveyed their approval/consent to State Government for the establishment of an agriculture Machinery Training and Evaluation Centre at Ajmer in Rajasthan on 75 : 25 share basis between Central Government and the State Government respectively;

(b) if so, the exact date of Central Government's sanction for this scheme, total outlay agreed to and the amount earmarked in the Budget 1994-95; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor indicating since when the correspondence between the state and the Central Government has been going on the subject and what obstacles are coming in the way for the establishment of the above centre ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Meanwhile, Government of India have already approved establishment of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes in district Sikar (Rajasthan) and district Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu) under a Central Sector Scheme under which 100% expenditure will be borne by Central Government and action has already been initiated for setting up of the Institutes.

Freight rate for Fertilizers in Rajasthan

5044. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request from Rajasthan Government for granting higher primary and secondary freight rate in Ganganagar and remote areas for fertilizers as 40 per cent consumption of the entire consumption of fertilizers in Rajasthan is in Gangagnagar area alone;

(b) whether it is a fact that the primary freight paid is only Rs. 346 PMT by G/I from Rajasthan whereas in Punjab Rs. 610 is paid; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far on the number of suggestions time and again mated to the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Food in this regard and the reasons for the inordinate delay on the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) Government of Rajasthan have been requesting for higher freight rate for Ganganagar area. There is, however, no provision for statewise fixation of freight rates.

Equated freight rate comprising primary as well as secondary freight rate is determinde in respect of each unit manufacturing controlled fertilizer. Equated freight rate takes into account ECA Allocation as well as normative distance by rail and road from a particular unit to various states, actual rail freight rate for the normative distance as notified by the Ministry of Railways and a uniform rate which is increased for all units as per the normal escalations.